

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Restriction was required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

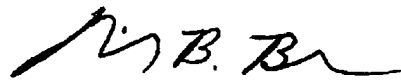
- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a composition comprising at least one bioadhesive, at least one adjuvant, and at least one antigen.
- II. Claim 15, drawn to a method of making a pharmaceutical composition.
- III. Claims 16, 18, 20 and 22, drawn to a method of immunizing, or generating an immune response a vertebrate subject that requires excipient.
- III. Claims 17, 19 and 21, drawn to a method of immunizing, or generating an immune response a vertebrate subject that does not require excipient.
- IV. Claim 23, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition that does not require adjuvant.
- V. Claims 24-27, drawn to a method of immunizing, generating an immune response, treating or enhancing immune response a vertebrate subject.
- VI. Claim 28, drawn to a method to make a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable mucosal excipient and at least one bioadhesive, at least one adjuvant, and at least one antigen.
- VII. Claims 29-32, drawn to a method of immunizing, or generating an immune response a vertebrate subject that requires adjuvant.

Applicants elect the Group I claims, Claims 1-14, with traverse, for initial prosecution on the merits.

The Office Action also states that "Applicant must select the formulation of the product claimed or used in the method elected." However, a composition, rather than a method, has been elected in the present application. Hence, this requirement is believed to be moot.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (703) 433-0510 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

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